Imposition of fine on foreign ships

959. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fine has been imposed on the foreign ships found fishing in the Indian territorial waters during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the amount collected on this account and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

प्राकृतिक आपदा के कारण फसलों की क्षति

960. **श्री बलवन्त सिंह रामूवालिया:**
श्री राज मोहिन्दर सिंह:

क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 1998-99 के वित्तीय वर्ष के दौरान देश के विभिन्न राज्यों में प्राकृतिक आपदाओं के कारण विभिन्न प्रकार के खाद्यान्नों की तबाही हुई थी;

(ख) यदि हां, तो किस-किस राज्य में कौन-कौन सी फसल कितनी-कितनी मात्रा में प्राकृतिक आपदाओं के कारण नष्ट हुई;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने उत्पादकों को हुए नुकसान की भरपाई करने के लिए आर्थिक सहायता देने की घोषणा की थी; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो किस-किस राज्य को कितनी-कितनी धनराशि देने की घोषणा की गई थी तथा अभी तक इस घोषित धनराशि में से कितनी-कितनी राशि राज्यों को जारी की गई है?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सोमपाल): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) से (घ) सूचना एकत्रित की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Development of milk dairies in Punjab

961. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is ample scope for the development of milk dairies in the State of Punjab;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to set up Milk Development Board in the State with the financial and technical assistance of the National Dairy Development Board; and

(c) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal to set up a Dairy Board with financial and technical assistance of National Dairy Development Board. However, the State Government of Punjab is considering to set up a Punjab Dairy Board to act as nodal agency for integrated development of Livestock & Dairy Sector.

Area under cashew cultivation

962. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States in which cashew cultivation is carried on;

(b) the area in hectares under cashew cultivation in each State;

(c) what is the average production of cashewnuts per hectare in each State;

(d) whether Government intend to increase the area under cashew cultivation in each State; and

(e) if so, the new areas that will be brought under cashew cultivation in each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Cashew is being cultivated in 13 States.

(b) and (c) The State-wise area and productivity of cashew, for the year 1996-97 are given below:—

State	Area (hectare)	Productivity (Kg./hectare)
Kerala	1,19,000	1140
Karnataka	85,000	690
Goa	51,000	430
Maharashtra	80,000	1570
Tamil Nadu	79,000	390
Andhra Pradesh	1,21,000	830
Orissa	1,05,000	670
West Bengal	9,000	870
Others	10,000	870
TOTAL:	6,59,000	835

(d) and (e) Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Integrated Development of Cashew since the 8th Plan, which inter-alia envisages increasing the area under cashew. The additional area proposed to be brought under cashew during 1998-99 and 9th Plan is given below:—

(Area in Hectare)

State	1998-99	9th Plan
Kerala	1600	3050
Karnataka	2100	4650
Goa	2100	5200
Maharashtra	17600	37700
Tamil Nadu	3200	7950
Andhra Pradesh	2550	7500
Orissa	6000	14150
West Bengal	350	750
Madhya Pradesh	550	1300
Manipur	300	600
Meghalaya	250	550
Nagaland	150	500
Tripura	250	600
Assam	—	300
Pondicherry	350	550
A&N Islands	—	50
TOTAL:	37350	85400

Field trials on transgenic cotton

963. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maharashtra Hybrid Seed Company (Mahyco) which is in collaboration with Monsanto has been given permission for field trials on transgenic cotton on 40 plots of land in nine States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Approval for conditional limited research field trials on transgenic Bt cotton at 25 locations and at 15 locations was given on 27.07.1998 and 05.08.1998 respectively by the Department of Biotechnology, Details are enclosed as Statement.

Statement

Permission to carry out multicentric experimental field trials on transgenic cotton at the following 25 locations was given on 27.7.1998. In each location/site the approved plot size is about 405 sq. meters (22.5 meters × 18 meters)

State	S.No.	District	Tehsil/Mandal	Village
Andhra Pradesh	1.	Guntur	Rentachinthala	Rentachinthala
	2.	Mahaboobnagar	Bijnepalli	Manganur
	3.	Khammam	Madira	Dendukur
	4.	Kurnool	Pagadiala	Nagatur